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Kistna reservoir project.

393 Q.—Rao Sahib P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state in what stage the Kistna reservoir project investigated by the Government a few years ago to irrigate the non-deltaic area of the Guntūr district is and to lay the papers relating to the same on the Council table.

A.—Attention is invited to the answer to question No. 155 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 11th March 1919. The Government do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by the publication of the papers.

Land acquisition for depressed classes.

394 Q.—Rao Sahib P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member—

(a) to state if the Government intend to acquire suitable lands for building purposes and to provide sites for the needy and also to the depressed classes of the villages; and

(b) to state the action the Government have taken on the proposals recently made by the Special Deputy Collector on the subject and to lay the papers on the subject on the Council table.

A.—(a) Yes, for depressed classes.

(b) There is at present no special officer for acquisition of house-sites in the district and no proposals on the subject of provision of house-sites have recently been received by Government.

Recruitment of Deputy Collectors.

395 Q.—To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue if it is a fact that no non-Brahman Hindu was directly recruited as a deputy collector for the last one decade and over.

A.—It is not a fact.

Fee for Muhammadan pupils in Malabar.

396 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education whether it is a fact that, in some Government and aided colleges and schools in the Malabar district, full fees are being levied from Muhammadan pupils, and if so, will the Hon'ble the Minister be pleased to state whether the concession of half fees to Muhammadan pupils is no longer in general application and what, in this event, are the grounds for the restricted application of the concession.

A.—The Government have no information but will enquire as regards the Government institutions. The levy of fees in aided colleges and schools is left to the option of the management but Government reimburse to the management the entire loss of fee income up to half the standard fee rate.

The concession of half fees is still of general application. Attention is invited to revised rule 102 of the Madras Educational Rules published in notification No. 39, dated the 18th January 1921, on page 86 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 25th January 1921, which restricts this concession to really poor students.